

*The delegates to the 2nd World Congress of IndustriALL Global Union condemn the brutal attacks against the rights of the working class perpetrated by economic elites and governments in various parts of the world.*

*Historic achievements such as the eight-hour day, retirement age and decent employment are under threat on the pretext that such measures are needed to deal with the economic crises that are impacting these countries.*

*Such attacks on rights go hand in hand with attacks on government strategies which seek to promote social equality, as witnessed in Latin America and notably in Brazil where the legitimately-elected President has been removed from power and where one of the great leaders of the world, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, is being persecuted.*

*The 2nd World Congress thus resolves:*

- 1) To intensify joint actions on behalf of all affiliates in defense of the historic rights of the working class;*
- 2) to express its full support at the present time to the struggle of the working class in Brazil to prevent these attacks on acquired rights and democracy in the country;*
- 3) To reaffirm the principle of unity of workers in our industries around the world in the struggle for worker rights as well as the principle of freedom of action and autonomy;*
- 4) To join the ITUC campaign "I Stand With Lula" launched on 20 September 2016 to defend former President Luiz Inácio Lula from the legal abuses perpetrated against him in Brazil and to denounce the powerful vested interests that seek to limit his freedom of political action.*

*Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 5 October 2016.*